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There is a great deal of real modesty in China, notwithstanding appearances to the contrary, but it cannot for a moment be doubted that there is likewise a great deal of mock modesty, both on the part of men and of women. It is very common to hear it said of some disagreeable matter, that it is wholly unmentionable, that the words are totally unutterable, etc., when all parties are perfectly aware that this is a mere form of denoting reluctance to express an opinion. The very persons who use this high-toned language, would be ready enough to employ the foulest expressions of vituperation, whenever they were excited by anger. False modesty is matched by a false sympathy, which consists of empty words, but for this the Chinese are not to blame, as they have no adequate material out of which sympathy for others can be developed in any considerable quantities, and for any length of time. But empty sympathy is not so repugnant to the Chinese taste, as that mockery of sympathy, and of all feeling, which contemplates death with a boisterous feeling. Mr. Baber mentions a Szechuan coolie, who burst into a delighted laugh at the spectacle of two dogs devouring a corpse on the tow-path. Mr. Meadows tells us that his Chinese teacher laughed till he held his sides, at the amusing death of his most constant companion. It is no explanation of these strange exhibitions often observed in the case of parents at the death of children of whom they were fond, that long grief has died up his external expression, for there is a wide distinction between silent grief, and that rude mockery of national feeling, which offends the instincts of mankind. It is, as we have often had occasion to remark, several hundred years since foreigners began to have commercial relations with the Chinese. There have been multiplied testimonies to the business honesty of those with whom these relations have been held. Without generalising to a degree which might be precarious, it is safe to say that there must be a good basis for testimonies of this sort. As a specimen of what these testimonies are, we may quote the words of Mr. Ewen Cameron, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, on the recent occasion of his farewell to Shanghai. "I have referred to the high commercial standing of the foreign community. The Chinese are in no way behind us ourselves in that respect, in fact, I know of no people in the world I would sooner trust than the Chinese merchant and banker. Of course there are exceptions to every rule, but to show that I have good reasons for making such a strong statement, I may mention that for the last twenty-five years the Bank has been doing a very large business with Chinese of millions of taels, and we have never yet met with a defaulting Chinese merchant. Whether there is an essential difference between Chinese business as conducted by wholesale and that by retail, we have no means of knowing. But without abating in the least from the value of the testimonies to which reference has been made, it is a fair question whether a large part of results noted are not due to the admirable system of mutual responsibility already described, a system which western nations would do well to imitate. It is only natural that foreigners doing business with the Chinese should avail themselves to the fullest extent of such commercial safeguards as exist, and for such results as are thus attained the Chinese are unquestionably entitled to the fullest credit. Yet after all such acknowledgements are made, it remains true, as testified by a vast array of witnesses and by wide and long observation, that the commerce of the Chinese is a gigantic example of the national insincerity. An interesting essay has been written by one who knew of what he was affirming, on the process by which in ordinary trade the Chinese each succeed in cheating the other. The relation of two such individuals is generally the relation of two such individuals as Laban and the Chinese phrase runs, it is the iron brush meeting the grass wash-dish. It is a popular proverb that to put a lad into trade, is to ruin him. False weights, false measures, false currency, and false goods, are phenomena from which it is very difficult to escape in China. Even in the great establishments which put up conspicuous signs, notifying the public that they will here find 'goods genuine, prices real,' positively no two prices, the state of things. We by no means intend to affirm such a proposition as that there is no honesty to be found in China, but only that so far as our experience and observation go, it is literally impossible to be sure of finding it anywhere. How can it be otherwise with a people who have so little regard for truth? A well dressed scholar who meets a foreigner, does not hesitate to affirm, in reply to a question, that he cannot read, and then when a little book has been handed him to look at, he does not hesitate to sink away in the crowd without paying the three cash which is the cost. He has no sense of shame at such a proceeding, but rather a thrill of joy that he has circumvented the silly foreigner, who has so little astuteness as to trust a total stranger. It is very common for a man who is buying from a foreigner to give a cash less than the proper amount, alleging that he has not another cash with him. When he is informed that there is one in his ear at the moment, he takes it out with reluctance, feeling that he has been defrauded. In like manner a man who has spent an odd half day in trying to get something free of cost, on the ground that he is totally without money, will at the last draw forth a string of a thousand cash, and hand it to you with an air of melancholy, and request you to take out the proper amount. But if he is believed, and gets something for nothing, he departs with a keen joy in his heart, like that of one who has slain a serpent." (To be continued.)

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites is the most valuable remedy for Consumption, Scrofula, General Debility, Wasting Diseases of Children, Chronic Cough, and Bronchitis that has ever been produced. It is very palatable; it is very fattening and strengthening. It will ease at once the most violent cough and will give both comfort and strength to the sufferer. It possesses the combined virtues of these popular remedies in its fullest form. Any Chemist can supply it.—A. S. Watson & Co. (Limited), Agents in Hongkong and China.—(Adv.)

### To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half Yearly Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 26th August, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, a Statement of Account to 30th June, 1889.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th to 26th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. [1003]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship "YANGTZE."

Captain Tonnigsen will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 10th inst, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to, STEINSEN & Co. [1005]

HONGKONG, 8th August, 1889.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "PREUSSEN."

FROM BREMEN AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be landed here in Hongkong unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY, the 8th inst.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 15th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 4 P.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 22nd inst, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by, MELCHERS & Co., Agents. [1004]

Hongkong, 8th August, 1889.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE.

OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 13th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited. [1004]

Hongkong, 8th August, 1889.

WANTED.

FOR THE Hongkong Telegraph, a CAPABLE SHORT HAND REPORTER, who is a smart, punctilious and reliable proof-reader. Apply, with full particulars, to THE EDITOR, The Hongkong Telegraph. [1004]

Hongkong, 31st July, 1889.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

T. J. COLLAGO.

HOUSE AGENT, AUCTIONEER, SHARE-BROKER, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT and Proprietor of the Macao Bath-house. Bidding Tickets for sale until October 31st.

PRICES:

Season (for married couples) ..... \$7.00

Season (for single persons) ..... 1.00

Single Bath ..... 0.10

Towel ..... 0.05

Refreshments supplied on Sunday Mornings from 4 to 8 A.M.

Coffee and Biscuits ..... 15 Cents. [1000]

Macao, 7th August, 1889.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWONG KWAN YEN CHALLENGE CUP.

THE First competition for the 1st Stage, will take place next SATURDAY, the 10th August, at 3.15 P.M., under the Conditions already published.

The entrance Fee for this stage only is 30 cents for the first two stages, 60 cents must be sent to me by 5 P.M. on FRIDAY next, the 9th instant.

The second stage will be shot off on Saturday, the 17th instant.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Hon. Secretary, c/o Hongkong Club. [1008]

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1889.

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CALL of \$5 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) a SHARE, due prior to the 28th February last, is now being made, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to pay to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before the 16th day of August next, the sum due from them.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Agents. [1008]

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889.

THE SONGEE KO-AH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with the Articles of Association and Prospectus of the above Company, SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that a CALL of \$5 (FIFTEEN DOLLARS) a SHARE, is now being made, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to pay to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before the 16th day of August next, the sum due from them.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers. [1008]

Hongkong, 15th July, 1889.

### Intimations.

A. G. GORDON & Co., LIMITED.

THE STATUTORY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held in the Company's Office, 1, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 12th August, 1889, at 4 O'CLOCK P.M.

A. G. GORDON, General Manager. [978]

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1889.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of August current, at 12 O'CLOCK Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1889.

By Order of the Court of Directors, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager. [971]

Hongkong, 1st August, 1889.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 10th SATURDAY the 24th day of August (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, G. E. NOBLE, Chief Manager. [972]

Hongkong, 1st August, 1889.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Certificate of 50 Shares in this Company numbered 129/131, 204/15, 10, 221, 755/6, 2705/2717, 11, 31, 2437/2445, Standing in the Register in the name of Dr. A. S. GOMES, having been LOST, notice is hereby given that a New Certificate for the said 50 Shares will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the original certificate, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

D. GILLIES, Secretary. [991]

Hongkong, 6th August, 1889.

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....Tls. 1,000,000.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....Tls. 600,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

J. S. PURDON, Esq., Chairman, of Messrs. MAITLAND & Co.

H. R. HEARN, Esq., of Messrs. ALFRED DENT & Co.

E. J. HOGG, Esq., of Messrs. HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

A. G. WOOD, Esq., of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

HANKERS:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

LOANS made on MORTGAGE on LAND, BUILDINGS, &c.

PROPERTIES bought and sold.

ESTATES MANAGED and all kinds of LAND AGENCY and Commission business conducted.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. [998]

Shanghai, 19th July, 1889.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000.

PAID UP CAPITAL.....2,500,000.

RESERVE FUND.....1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

Hon. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.

G. S. MICHAELSEN, Esq.

G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

LEE SING, Esq.

POON PONG, Esq.

HANKERS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land, and Buildings.

Properties purchased and sold.

Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary. [1032]

Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 3rd May 1889.

THE SHARE LIST WILL CLOSE ON SATURDAY, THE 10th INSTANT, AT 1 P.M.

THE PEAK RESIDENCES, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCES, 1865 to 1886.

CAPITAL.....\$250,000.

DIVIDED INTO 10,000 SHARES OF \$25 EACH.

Payable \$5 on Application, \$10 on Allotment, and the balance as required in instalments of not more than \$5.

Shares taken up by the Vendors.....4,000.

Shares now offered to the public.....6,000.

Total.....10,000.

DIRECTORS:

CHAIRMAN—JOSEPH W. NOBLE, Esq.

—E. JONES HUGHES, Esq.

—C. L. GORDON, Esq.

—FUNG WA CHUN, Esq.

—CHEONG KAI, Esq.

—Joins after allotment.

Applications for Shares will be received until the 15th day of August, 1889, and must be made on the proper forms for that purpose and forwarded to the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China together with the amount payable on application.

Prospectuses and share forms may be had of the Bankers or at the Office.

BANKERS: CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

SOLICITOR: ARTHUR BERNARD RODYK, Esq.

OFFICE (pro. tem.) 2, D'AGUIAR STREET.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1889. [991]

### Intimations.

MR. HINGKEE, of HINGKEE'S HOTEL, Macao, begs respectfully to announce that he cannot undertake TO SUPPLY MEALS and REFRESHMENTS for Excursionists from Hongkong, the accommodation and resources of his Hotel being required for guests and regular boarders.

Macao, 7th August, 1889. [999]

REMOVAL.

MRS. BOHM'S PRIVATE BOARDING RESIDENCE has been REMOVED to No. 8, Queen's Road Central, opposite TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1889. [1352]

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the POST of SECRETARY to the above Company. Apply by LETTER to the Office of the Company.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1889. [979]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 7 per cent. and BONUS of 2 per cent. on the above Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this day will be payable by Cheque and to be forwarded in accordance with the instructions contained in the said forms on or before the Twenty-first day of August, 1889. The Tenders will be opened on the following day in the presence of two Directors.

If a Tender be not accepted the amount of cheque accompanying such Tender will be returned.

Payments to be made as follows: \$2 per share on tender, \$3, plus the premium, per share on receiving notice of Allotment, and the remaining \$5 one month after allotment.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 21st of August inclusive.

By Order of the Board, E. W. MATTLAND, Secretary. [997]

Dated the 7th day of August, 1889.

NOTICE.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the CERTIFICATE for 5 SHARES in this Company numbered 3,598 to 3,602, and standing in the name of Mr. C. P. CHATER on the register, is MISSING and that unless the said Certificate be produced and proof of ownership lodged with the Undersigned by the 16th August, 1889, a NEW CERTIFICATE will be issued for the Shares.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. [996]

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1889.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

DURING the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1889, files of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" will be kept at the Office of our correspondents, Messrs. AMADEE, PRINCE & Co., 36, Rue Lafayette, and also at the Pavilion of the Republic of Guatemala in the Exhibition, which may be consulted at any time by visitors from the Far East.

Subscribers to this journal may have their letters, papers, etc., addressed to the care of Messrs. AMADEE PRINCE & Co., whose services will be placed at the disposal of all inquirers.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1889. [318]

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

8 to 10 A.M. every quarter of an hour.

12 to 2 P.M. every half hour.

4 to 8 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.

NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 P.M. SUNDAYS.

10.40 A.M.; 12 to 1.30 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

4 to 8 P.M. every quarter of an hour.

9.10, 10.30, 11 P.M.

Special Cars may be obtained on application to the Superintendent.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and Reduced Tickets at Office.

MACLEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., General Managers. [1510]

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889.

A. G. GORDON & Co., LIMITED.

ENGINEERS, LAUNCH BUILDERS, GENERAL AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS, IRONMONGERS, COMMISSION AGENTS, VALUATORS, IRON and TIMBER MERCHANTS.

WORKS: BOWRINGTON, EAST POINT.

OFFICE: CORNER OF PEDDER STREET AND PRAYA.

STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1889. [142]

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & Co.

ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS, AND CONTRACTORS.

YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS, Kowloon.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1889. [703]



